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HALSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941.

SECTION A. - Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres	1,172.
Population (Registrar General's figures)	6,379
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Books (end of 1941)	1,901.
Rateable Value	£27,059
Sum represented by a penny rate	£99.18.8.

Extracts from Vital Statistics:-

		Total	Male	Female
Live Births:	Legitimate	68	34	34
	Illegitimate	4	1	3
Still Births:		4	2	2

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	10.9
Deaths (Registrar General's figure)	81
Death Rate per 1,000 of resident population ...	12.6
Deaths of all infants per 1,000 live births ...	41
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	29.0
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	250
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	11
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	0

Deaths at Various Age Groups during 1941
(Registered and transferred)

Age Group	Number of Deaths
Under 1 year	3
1 and under 2 years	1
2 and under 5 years	1
5 and under 15 years	1
15 and under 25 years	2
25 and under 35 years	0
35 and under 45 years	0
45 and under 55 years	5
55 and under 65 years	13
65 and under 75 years	24
75 years and upwards	32
Total	82

SECTION B. - Health Services of the Area.

A. Public Health Officers.

(1) J.S.RANSON, M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.,D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health (also M.O.H.Halstead Rural District and Assistant County Medical Officer for the Halstead Area.

(2) W.A.NICHOLSON, M.I.M.C.E.
Sanitary Inspector (also Surveyor)

B. There have been no changes or developments in the following services during the year.

(1) Laboratory facilities.
(2) Ambulance facilities.
(3) Nursing in the home.
(4) Clinics and treatment centres
(5) Hospitals.

SECTION C. - Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER SUPPLY

The supply is derived from a boring 300 feet deep situated near the River Colne, from which it is pumped into two service reservoirs with a storage capacity of 134,000 gallons. During the year the rest level of the water in the well gradually decreased to 3' 9" below normal rest level in September and remained at that level for the remainder of the year. No new water mains have been laid.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No extension of the drainage system has been laid.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There are 16 pail closets and 2 pit closets in the District.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

All dry refuse is collected weekly in a motor scavenging vehicle by the Council's employees and disposed of by tipping in an old gravel pit.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Number of Inspections and Re-inspections ...	473
Nuisances detected	155
Water Closets repaired	67
Dustbins renewed	54
Drains repaired	2
Other nuisances abated	26
Informal Notices served	118
Statutory Notices served	50
Informal Notices complied with	74
Statutory Notices complied with	45

CAMPING SITES

There are no camping sites in the district.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

No case of nuisance arising from smoke has occurred during the year.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

There are no privately owned Swimming Baths or Pools in the District. A covered and heated Swimming Bath is maintained by the Council. The Bath is supplied with water from the public supply, and is emptied and thoroughly cleaned every week. The water is periodically sprayed with Voxsan.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No case of infestation by bed bugs has been found.

SCHOOLS

The Sanitary condition of the Schools is satisfactory. All are supplied with water from the Town Mains.

SECTION D. - Housing.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	102
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	205
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932	Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	Nil
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	40

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 20

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 21

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices
(a) By Owners 14
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 2

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices

(a) By Owners ... ... Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in persuance of Demolition Orders Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... ... Nil

(2) Number of families dwelling therein Nil

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ... Nil

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ... Nil

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil

5. No new houses have been erected by private enterprise during the year.

SECTION E. - Inspection and Supervision of Food.

MILK SUPPLY

There are 7 Cowkeepers and 9 Purveyors of Milk in the District, and the premises have always been found in a clean and sanitary condition.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 5 Slaughterhouses and 10 Bakehouses in the District all of which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition. The Slaughterhouses have not been used during the year.

No carcase or part of same has been condemned owing to tuberculosis or other disease.

SECTION F. - Prevalence and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	1	0
Diphtheria	4	4	0
Puerperal pyrexia	1	0	0
Para-typhoid fever	1	1	0
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	2	2	0
Measles	212	0	0
Whooping Cough	27	0	0
Totals	248	8	0

Tuberculosis

Cases notified	Adults.....	Pulmonary	Male	0
			Female	0
	Adults.....	Non-Pulmonary	Male	1
			Female	0
	Children.....	Pulmonary	Male	1
			Female	0
	Children.....	Non-Pulmonary	Male	0
			Female	0

Deaths Nil.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The work of immunising children has been continued and the percentage immunised remains at about 50%. The benefit of immunisation having by various means been brought to the notice of parents it is disappointing that a larger percentage of children have not by now been immunised. The response during the last few weeks has been better and it is anticipated that the figures for 1942 will show a marked improvement.

J.S.RANSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

August 5th 1942.